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SUBJECT:SECRETARY-FONMIN GUNES MEETING, APRIL 15

1. THE SECRETARY MET WITH FONMIN GUNES IN NEW YORK ON APRIL 15. TURKS ALSO PRESENT WERE AMBASSADOR ESENBEL, THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S AIDE, OZCERI (INTERPRETER), AND GUNDEN FROM TURKISH MISSION TO UN (NOTETAKER). ON THE AMERICAN SIDE WERE ASSISTANT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE ATHERTON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN, NEA/TUR DIRECTOR DILLON (NOTETAKER), AND KATZEN, USUN (FRENCH-ENGLISH INTERPRETER). TOPICS COVERED WERE: NATO AND EC NINE, CYPRUS AND AEGEAN TENSIONS, POSSIBLE VISIT BY SECRETARY TO TURKEY, AND OPIUM POPPY BAN.

2. NATO AND EC NINE: SECRETARY AND FONMIN GUNES AGREED ON DESIRABILITY OF UNITY OF WESTERN WORLD. SECRETARY SAID WE WANTED ATLANTIC DECLARATION NOT FOR AMERICAN HEGEMONY IN EUROPE BUT IN ORDER TO PREVENT ISOLATIONISM IN AMERICA. HE TOLD GUNES A DECLARATION WAS STILL IMPORTANT IN ORDER TO SYMBOLIZE THE ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, ADDING THAT WE STILL THINK THERE SHOULD BE A DECLARATION AT THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING BUT THE U.S. IS NOT NOW SO EAGER TO HAVE ONE WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. GUNES

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SAID HIS VIEWS PARALLEL THOSE OF THE SECRETARY, THAT THE

TURKS DID NOT LIKE ARTIFICIAL LABELS LIKE THE "NINE," THE WESTERN WORLD MUST BE LOOKED AT AS AN ENTITY.

3. CYPRUS AND AEGEAN TENSIONS: IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT CYPRUS, GUNES LINKED CYPRUS AND GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS, WHICH HE SAID "NOT AT THEIR BEST LEVEL." HE DESCRIBED FOR SECRETARY GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE IN AEGEAN SAYING THERE MAY BE "ARGUMENT" BUT THAT SECRETARY SHOULD NOT BE ALARMED. ACCORDING TO GUNES, SITUATION IS THAT BOTH GREEKS AND TURKS BELIEVE THERE IS OIL UNDER AEGEAN. GREEKS SAY THAT THE SEA AND THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BELONG TO THEM. TURKS SAY THAT THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE NEGOTIATED. HE EMPHASIZED THAT TURKS REGARDED PROBLEM AS LEGAL AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO "CLASH OF ARMIES." SECRETARY SAID THAT U.S. CONCERN WAS THAT "NOTHING HAPPEN TO BREAK THE UNITY OF THE WESTERN WORLD." RETURNING TO CYPRUS GUNES SAID THAT WHEN NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT CAME TO POWER IT TOOK UP NEGOTIATIONS ON CYPRUS FROM SPOT AT WHICH IT FOUND THEM. TURKEY HOPED FOR JUST SOLUTIONS. SECRETARY SAID U.S. BELIEVED THERE SHOULD BE NO PRE-CONDITIONS: "THERE SHOULD BE NO PRECONCEIVED IDEAS ABOUT A UNITARY OR FEDERAL STATE." GUNES AGREED.

4. HIGH LEVEL VISITS TO TURKEY: GUNES RAISED TWICE QUESTION OF SECRETARY VISITING TURKEY. HE ALSO SAID THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAD EXPRESSED HOPE OF VISITING TURKEY TO PRIMIN ECEVIT IN PARIS. SECRETARY SAID THAT HE WOULD TRY TO STOP IN TURKEY SOON ON A VISIT TO EITHER EUROPE OR MIDDLE EAST.

5. OPIUM POPPY BAN: SECRETARY ASKED THAT TURKS IN CONSIDERING OPIUM POPPY BAN LOOK AT IT IN TERMS OF AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION AND FIND A SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH SIDES. GUNES SAID HE WAS FULLY AWARE OF IMPLICATIONS OF THE OPIUM POPPY PROBLEM FOR AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION AND NEED FOR SOLUTION WHICH WOULD OFFEND NEITHER AMERICAN NOR TURKISH PUBLIC OPINION. HE ADDED "I CANNOT SAY CATEGORICALLY THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO GROW OPIUM OPPIES BUT I CAN SAY THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING TO POISON ANYBODY. WE ARE PREPARING PLANS WHICH CALL FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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THE FULLEST CONTROL POSSIBLE." SECRETARY ANSWERED: "I THINK WE BOTH WANT THE SAME THING." KISSINGER

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